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The British Apollo,

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by a Society of GENTLEMEN.

From Friday March 19th to Wedneſday March 24th. 1708.

Since our Paper will not contain all the Queſtions that are ſent us, with their Solutions; once a Month we ſhall Publiſh an entire Sheet of thoſe we cannot inſert in theſe; where the Queriſts may find Anſwers to thoſe which were not ſolv'd before: Tho' this will be a Supernumerary Paper, yet none are oblig'd to take it, but they who pleaſe. The want of ſuch a Paper occaſion'd divers Reflections on the *Athenian Oracle*.

This Monthly Paper will be Publiſh'd the beginning of *April*, as likewiſe on the beginning of each following Month.

Note. We deſire the favour of all Subſcribers, that they will pleaſe to leave what is due for this piece of the Quarter, (*viz.* A Penny for each Sheet) with their Servants who take in the Paper, on *Friday* Morn, the Men who carry them, having ſo little time to ſtay in their Walks, and that it be paid to the Men who then carry the Papers and to no other.

Q. *Whether* Hagar *and* Keturah *were the ſame Perſon under two Names, or rather two different and Diſtinct Perſons?*

A. Many of the Jews will have *Keturah* to be *Hagar*, whom (after *Sarah*'s Death) he is receiv'd again: But this Opinion is Confuted, and with very good reaſon too; for no Account can be given of *Abraham*'s having more Concubines than One, unleſs we make *Keturah* diſtinct from *Hagar*; neither can any Body tell why he ſhould call *Hagar* by the Name of *Keturah*, when he calls her by her own Name.

Q. *Whether did* Jacob *commit any Sin, when his Father ſaid, art thou my very Son* Eſau, *and he ſaid I am?* Gen 27. 24.

A. As he was undoubtedly guilty of a Sin, ſo he was conſcious of it too; when he ſaid to his Mother, who put him upon that Impoſture, my Father peradventure will feel me, and I ſhall ſeem to him as a Deceiver; and I ſhall bring a Curſe upon me and not a Bleſſing. But ſince a ſingle Action is never allow'd to denominate the Man, we have therefore a quite contrary Account of him in *Gen.* 25. 27. and *Jacob* was a Plain Man dwelling in Tents. To which Character of undiſguis'd Sincerity our Bleſſed Lord profeſſedly alludes, when he gives this Excellent Teſtimony of a ſincere Nathaniel, behold an Iſraelite indeed, in whom is no guile.

Q. *For the Underſtanding of the 20th Verſe of the 25th Chapter of* Proverbs: *I deſire to know what the Effect is of Vinegar upon Nitre?*

A. The Effect of Vinegar upon Nitre, is no other than this. Nitre is a kind of Salt that is endued with a Volatile Accidity, and the Addition of Vinegar to it muſt in ſome meaſure augment the former quality: So that in our Opinion 'tis no more than a Simile parallel to that of ADDING FUEL to FIRE.

Q. *We have a Bird called a Woodcock, in the Winter-Seaſon, I would know where they are in Summer; and alſo why Starlings are not with us in Winter as well as Summer?*

A. It is thought that the Woodcocks, when Winter leaves us, take flight Northwards, as to the Highlands in *Scotland*, *Ruſſia*, *Sweden* and ſuch like Parts, and breed in thoſe Climes; but when the Rivers are frozen up and thoſe Countries are bury'd in Snow, they reſort hither. As to the Abſence of the Starling in Winter, we preſume the Queriſt is Miſtaken, a Member of our Society having taken one in that Seaſon.

Q. *I beſeech you to tell me in your next Paper, if you think it prudent for a Woman of honour to follow the Camp with her Husband?*

A. 'Tis neither *prudent* nor *convenient*, for tho' *Mars* and *Venus* were ſomewhat kinder than they ought to have been, they had their proper places of meeting, and ſeldom entrigu'd in the Camp; but to be ſerious, 'tis not *prudent*, becauſe a Thouſand Temptations wou'd hazard a breach in the Lady's honour, or at leaſt adminiſter occaſion of Jealouſy to her Husband, who, on the other ſide, ought to think it *Inconvenient*, ſince the natural Effeminacy of a Conjugal Converſation, might ſomewhat ſoften the neceſſary roughneſs of a Military Fatigue.

Q. *What effectual Method ſhall a Man take to reſtrain himſelf from the Vice of Gaming?*

A. To reſolve really againſt it is half a Cure, which we wou'd enforce from theſe Conſiderations. Shou'd two Perſons worth 100 *l.* each, reſolve to riſk all at Gaming, the Diſproportion betwixt the Advantages of the Winner and the Diſadvantages of the Looſer are very great: The firſt is little better'd in his Circumſtances, the laſt quite undone. Nay, we may ſay, there is great difference in the value of the Money it ſelf, which is of its full intrinſick value to the Looſer, but not to the Winner, for the ſpeedy and eaſy manner of obtaining it, occaſions that it is idly laviſh'd, ſo that he enjoys but little part of the Ne-

ceſſaries of Life, in compariſon to what the Induſtrious Perſon does for the ſame Sum, who feels its value in his Labours, and is thence render'd more ſenſible thereof: It diverts the Mind alſo from the Proſecution of more real and certain Dependencies and is generally aſſociated with divers other Vices, as, Avarice in the Application to it, unſeemly Paſſions in the Continuation, and Prodigality or Deſperation in the Concluſion: Thus he, who all the while fancies he plays upon the Square, plays againſt the moſt diſproportionable and prepoſterous Odds.

Gentlemen, I requeſt the favour of you to give me a Solution to this Propoſition, which will oblige Yours, &c.

Q. *Why in a dark Place, the rays of Light entring but by a particular Paſſage, as a Key-hole, or the like, ſhall to thoſe within repreſent upon a Body capable of reflection, as a Wall, &c. The Sadows of Perſons from without Inverted, as they paſs along?*

A. Since a Shadow is nothing elſe than a Privation of Light; ſince it is neceſſary, that a ſtrail Line be capable of being drawn from the Efficient Cauſe of ſuch Privation to the Body, that is depriv'd of Light; ſince the ſtrait Line drawn from the upper part of ſuch as paſs by the Key-hole, will neceſſarily terminate on the lower part of the Wall, and another drawn from their lower part, will on the contrary terminate on the upper part of the Wall, and ſo proportionably throughout their whole Body, it thence naturally follows, that a Shadow thus Produc'd muſt be inverted in it's poſture.

Q. *You are deſir'd to tell the World, why Women of the moſt Merit and Goodneſs, have generally leaſt Power with their Husbands? Your Servant* Watchwell Night Cap.

A, When it happens ſo, it is becauſe ſuch Husbands either want Senſe to diſcern, or Good Nature to Reward their Merit.

Q. *Whether* Cleopatra *did bravely in killing her ſelf?*

A. Far from bravely, ſince it was the plaineſt Proof ſhe cou'd give, that ſhe wanted Courage to ſtand the ſhock of her Misfortunes.

Q. *Why ſhould a Cornelian Ring, which is always the ſame in Subſtance, ſeveral times in a Day look Pale, and in a Minute return to its former Redneſs?*

A. This proceedeth from the Variety of Air (commonly found in Iſlands) which ſometimes being Moiſt, ſullies and renders the Cornelian Pale or Albeſcent, after the manner of Glaſs, which when breath'd upon, is clouded with a Pale Whitiſh Colour, but upon Change to a dryer Air, which will often happen, in a Moment, the Cornelian recovers its former brisk red Colour.

Q. *Why above all other Fiſh, a Herring dies as ſoon as out of the Water?*

A. A Herring has a warm and thin Maſs of Blood, which requires a continual Allay of Water, paſſing through the Gills to cool and incraſſate it, whereupon, being taken out of the Water, it immediately dies; but other Fiſh, as Carps, Eels, Lobſters, &c. having a more cool and viſcide Maſs of Blood, remain ſome time alive, by reaſon their Blood is ſupported in it ſelf, without the help of Water.

POEMS.

Pray ſolve the underwritten doubt
For *Tom. Votre* Serviteur *R——Cought.*

Q. I'*M inclin'd to the Wars,*
By the honour of Scars;
Whither Mars *bids me go,*
Yet Cupid *ſays no;*
And with vigour and heat,
Loudly ſounds a retreat:
So I am ſtill interpendent,
Now ſay Good Apollo,
If Mars *I ſhall follow,*
Or Venus, *and ſo make an end on't?*

A. 'Twill ſhew you a Daſtard,
To mind the Blind Baſtard;
Nay, you will (what more is)
Be ſlighted by *Cloris*;
The Sex always have
A Regard, for the Brave:
Then be no more Interpendent!
For if you will follow
Th' Advice of *Apollo*,
Court *Mars*, and you'll make the beſt End on't.
And thus we hope, we'ave ſolv'd your Doubt,
So Bon Soir, Monſieur *Tom. R——Cought.*

Q. *I ſee you wont tell me, why the Dull Aſs,*
Is markt on the Back with the Sign of a Croſs;
I therefore ſuſpect you're affraid to diſcover,
The ſervile marks of your own Dear Brother;
But if th' Ovidian Metamorphoſis,
Or the Pythagorean Metemſychoſis
Be true: Apollo *ſhou'd change you to Aſſes,*
In your Sphere then you'd act moſt excellent Farces;
But now a Baboon wuuld play on a Fiddle,
Much better than you can expound Nature's Riddle?

A. Had we ſolved your Family-Mark when (you ask'd us,
With all of your Kindred you ſoon might have (task'd us;
And by Murder'd Proſe, turn'd to hard Troting (Lines,
Which neither the one nor the other defines,
Might have dar'd us to ſhew, why the Buzzard and (Owl,
The Woodcock and Widgion, and that Jobbernole
Which Men call a Cods-head, ſuch Colours partake?
'Till with Nonſenſe we'd Plagu'd all the Town for (your ſake;
Whilſt all the Fine Senſe, from your Queſtion, we (gather,
Is, the Aſs ſtill Brays Loudeſt, 'gainſt he meets with Foul Weather.

Q. Apollo's Sons, *I you intreat,*
To tell the Reaſon why Sheep bleat,
When carry'd to be ſhorn?
And why the harmleſs, ſilly Sheep,
Tho' with more reaſon, do not bleat,
When they, by Dogs, are torn?

A. Poetick Sir, when Sheep are born,
By the Sheep ſhearers to be ſhorn,

The

The tickling makes 'em bleat
But when the Dogs upon 'em flie,
Surprize and Terror swell so high,
They cannot do the feat.

Q. *Say great* Apollo, *say the reason why,*
The Sons of Rhime,
So seldom Climb,
But as entail'd to rags and poverty?

A. 'Tis known that many in high Stations Shine,
But some pretend,
And miss their End,
Because they write no better Lines than Thine.

The Complaint, to Celinda, *from the Italian of* Arioſto.

IF on the tow'ring *Alps* ſtupendious height,
Whoſe craggy *Cliffs*, ſharp tops, our Eyes affright,
And, with amazing *horror*, ſtrikes the ſight,
If there *Celinda* you had chanc'd to be,
The harden'd Product of ſome lab'ring Tree,
Or ſome *Hircanian Tyger* nouriſh'd Thee.
Then, void of Human Pity, there were cauſe,
T' obey the dictates of thoſe Savage Laws.
Yet ev'n the *Oak* can bend, and Tygers be,
More tender-natur'd, and more kind than thee,
At leaſt, far gentler than thou art to me.
The greedy *Ocean*, whoſe deſtructive Waves,
Gape to devour, whoſe very Smiles are Graves,
Of all its *monſtrucus* forms, has none ſo cold,
Nor does one *Rock*, in its vaſt Boſom hold,
That, had it *Senſe*, ſo cruel wou'd remain,
To triumph in a Ship-wrack'd Sailors Pain,
Or cou'd they melt to thoughts of love like me,
Wou'd glory in their conqueſt, Maid, like thee.
Nothing in Nature does ſo fix'd remain,
But *Loves* ſoft fire can gentle Entrance gain,
And all but *thee* once lov'd will love again.

The Amorous Scrutiny.

1.

IF 'tis not Love, what is it that I feel?
If 'tis, well might the Ancients paint him blind,
Who ſhoots at random, Darts of feather'd Steel,
That wound each Breaſt they ſtrike, in diff'rent kind.

2.

If Good the Cauſe, why is th' effect ſo ill?
Or why do I amidſt ſuch Griefs remain?
If Bad, ſuch Torments cannot cure, but kill,
Whence then proceeds the ſweetneſs of my Pain?

3.

If I conſent to Burn, why do I Grieve?
Or if I don't, what ſignifie my Tears?
Oh Life in Death! How I my ſelf deceive,
And ſtab my blooming Joys, with hopes and fears!

4.

Who can define the odd Effects of Love,
'Midſt ſtormy Tempeſts in a leaky Boat,
No *Rudder* left, no Compaſs right to move,
But to and fro *unknowingly* I float.

5.

Scarce can I tell, how I wou'd wiſh to be,
Whilſt full of *health*, I long methinks to die,
But when in view of *Death* I'd fain be free,
Freezing in *Summer*, I in *Winter* fry.

Foreign News, *&c.*

THey write from Vienna of the 17th Inſtant. That the Emperor has nam'd the Prince of Lichtenſtein, Count Taun, and Count Bacelini for his Commiſſioners at the Diet of Presburg The Fire-work that was made to be let off at the Arrival of his Imperial Majeſty, took fire accidentally, whereupon the Arſenal was blown up, and ſeveral Men kill'd. The Departure of the Queen of Spain is like to be put off for ſome time, at leaſt 'till the Affairs on that ſide are in a better Poſture. The Elector Palatine promiſes to ſend 18 Squadrons, and 13 Batallions of his Forces to the Rhine, as ſoon as the Affairs of the Upper Palatinate are determin'd to his Satisfaction. The Corruzzen attempted lately to ſurprize the Frontiers of Jablunka, but were repuls'd with great Loſs.

Frankfort, March 27. Gelinghauſen is blockt up by 300 Palatines, but the Burghers ſeem reſolv'd to defend themſelves to the laſt Extremity: More Troops will be brought before that Place in order to reduce it, the ſame being made over as a Paun to the Elector Palatine. The French Horſe lately detach'd for Flanders, continue their March thither. The Proteſtant Conference at Arau is now begun, and its ſaid They will require a Categorical Anſwer, why the Ratification of the French King, relating to the Neutrality of Neufchatel, is not yet come. The Differences in the Doggenburgh encreaſe, by reaſon the Subjects of the Prince of St. Gall will not ſuffer the Proteſtants to Sing Pſalms in the Churches. There's Advice from Breſlau, that 12000 Cuiraſſiers have made themſelves Maſters of the Paſs of Jablunka, and are advanc'd within 2 Leagues of Troppau, in order to make an Irruption into Sileſia.

We hear from Poland that the Plague ceaſes Craçau. The Swedes have taken the little Town of Meldery. Monſieur Bonoe is arriv'd at Warſaw.

They write from Madrid of the 13th Inſtant. That the Duke of Orleans arriv'd there the 11th, and that he was five Hours in Conference with the King. The Armies are to take the Field very ſuddenly. The Troops which lately landed at Barcelona are ſent farther into the Country.

Letters from Paris of the 26th ſay, that all the Troops which are Quarter'd about Perpignan are to march to Bolo on the River Tech, in order to Incamp there, till the Arrival of the Duke of Noyelles, whoſe Deſign is to beſiege Gironne. A Detachment of the Allies have defeated 450 French near Navetta, killing

killing about 200 on the Spot, and taking the reſt Priſoners. 'Tis confirm'd from Barcelona, that the Portugueſe Troops are ſet out from Catalonia for Portugal, notwithſtanding the preſſing Inſtances of K. Charles to the contrary. The Dutcheſs of Burgundy is ſaid to be with Child. The French and Swiſs Guards, with the reſt of the Troops of the King's Houſhold are to ſet out for Liſle the 9th of the next Month. 'Tis ſaid the Fleet which lately Sail'd from Dunkirk has 7000 Men on board, with the Generals; Dorrington, Richard Hamilton, Shelton, Galmoy, the Pretender, and four Millions of Livers.

They write from Flanders, that the Duke of Melfort, the Earl of Middleton, and ſeveral of the Scotch Nation are at Dunkirk, in order to go with a Second Convoy for Scotland, in caſe the Pretenders Deſign of Landing hath ſucceſs.

Letters from Oſtend of the 28th ſay, that the 10 Engliſh Batallions were to Sail that Day for England.

Hague, March 30. Monſieur D' Ayrelles the Britiſh Secretary, has preſented a Memorial to the States General, to thank them in the Name of the Queen of Great Britain, for the Services they have done to her Majeſty and her Kingdoms, and to aſſure them, that her ſelf, and the whole Nation will ever retain a grateful ſenſe of them.

Letters from Italy ſay, that ſome ſhocks of an Earthquake were lately felt at Boſilicata, and caus'd ſome Damage at Vigianello and other Places. The Scarcity of Proviſions encreaſes daily in Naples, where they continue to make vaſt Preparations to Invade Sicily.

All Perſons are deſir'd to ſend their Letters, whether with Queſtions or Subſciptions for the Paper, either to Mr. *W. Keble* in *Weſtminſter-Hall*, Mr. *Tho. Bickerton*, at the *Golden Flower-de-Luce*, in St. *Paul's Church-yard*, or to the Printer, whoſe Name you will find at the End of the Paper, and to Superſcribe them for the *Britiſh Apollo*. At which Places alſo Advertiſements are Taken in at half a Crown each, if of moderate length (thoſe from Quacks excepted) they may alſo be deliver'd to the Men in their Walks.

Note. Whereas ſuch great Numbers of Subſcribers have ſent for whoſe Sets of our Papers from the beginning, that the Impreſſions of ſome of them are quite out: This is to give Notice that they are now Reprinted, in which their Errata's are corrected, ſo that any may be furniſh'd from the Beginning. The Conditions for the Paper are, two Shillings a Quarter, not to be paid till the End of the Quarter; and proportionable Deductions to be made to thoſe who come in within the Quarter: Each Perſon will have them deliver'd twice a Week at his Houſe.

The Courſe of the *EXCHANGE*, and other Things.

London, Tueſday the 23th of *March*, 1708.

Amſterdam	34	11
Rotterdam	35	
Antwerp	34	5
Hamburgh	33	11
Leghorn	55	¼
Genoua	56	
Venice	52	¾
Lisbon	5	1 ½
Porto	5	¾
Dublin	8	
Colch. Cr. bays	13 d.	¼

per Ell, 6 d. per Pc.

Note, *Theſe were the Prices of Stocks, from Twelve to Two of the Clock.*

	Sat.	*Mon.*	*Tueſ.*
Bank Stock	No Tr.	N. Tr.	No Tr.
Old India	104 ½	114 ¾	103
African	6 ½	6 ¼	6 ¼
Mill. Bank	81 ½	81	81
New Com.	248	247 ½	246 ½
Shares	8 ½	8 ½	8 ¼
Iriſh Lands	53	52 ½	52 ½
Mine Shar.	17	17	17

The 86th Payment of Malt-Lottery Tickets are now in courſe of Payment.

In the Exchequer.

Int.		*Given for.*	*Paid off.*
5	6th 4 Shilling Aid	1800000	1794600
5	8th 4 Shilling Aid	1850000	1822459
5	9th 4 Shilling Aid	1850000	1777582
5	10th 4 Shilling Aid	1850000	891751
8	1ſt 3 Shilling Aid	1500000	1081901
7	3d 3 Shilling Aid	1400000	1374228
5	2d 2 Shilling Aid	933333	920800
6	⅓ 4th 3 Shill. Aid	933333	911250
8	3 Quar. Pol	500000	292196
8	Paper for Plate	30000	14600
7	Col. Act and Leath.	564700	149262
8	Coals, 1698	500000	485000
6	Coals, 1703	500000	464539
8	Malt, 1707	650000	118142
6	Low-Wines, 1705	700000	93960
6	⅓ Subſidies, 1705	636957	247930

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IF any Perſon hath a Freehold Eſtate near Epſome, of about 300 per Annum to diſpoſe of, he is deſir'd to apply himſelf to Tho. Howard Eſq; by St. James's Square, and he may be treated with about it.

LOST between Temple Bar and Whitehall; on the 8th Inſtant a white Vellum Pocket-book, containing divers Diſcharges, of no uſe to any but the Owner: If the Perſon who has found it, will bring it to Mr. *Joſeph Williams*, by the Sign of *King William* on Horſe Back at *Charing Croſs*, he ſhall have 10*s.* for his Pains.

††† Left in a Hackney-Coach a Bundle of Writings, of no Uſe to any but the Owner: Whoever brings them to Mr. *Johnſon* in *Portugal-ſtreet Weſtminſter*, ſhall have Ten Shillings Reward.

*** A Tortoiſe-ſhell-Snuff-box ſtudded with Gold was loſt at or near the New Play-houſe, whoever brings it, to *Nathaniel St. Leger*, Eſq; by *Soho-Square*, ſhall have 30 Shillings Reward.

LOſt from a Lady's Watch on the 19th of March, near Charing-Croſs, a Picture in Minature of a Young Gentleman, ſet in Gold: If any brings it to Madam Jones, in the Pell-mell, the upper End near St. James's, they ſhall have Two Guineas Reward.

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